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SUBJECT:EASUM MEETING WITH TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

EASUM, ACCOMPANIED BY AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE, MET FOR ONE HOUR WITH MALECELA, TANZANIAN PERMREP TO UN CHALE AND BERNARD MUGANDA ON SEPTEMBER 27 AT UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

1. DETAINED AMERICANS - EASUM NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS BILATERAL ISSUES. REFERRING TO EARLIER PROBLEM OF DETAINED AMERICANS, HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR UNDERSTANDING AND ASSISTANCE OF MALECELA AND HIS MINISTRY IN RESOLVING PROBLEM. FONMIN STATED THAT THERE WAS GENUINE CONCERN THAT AIM OF THESE PEOPLE, WHO HAD "BOXES FULL OF ARMS", WAS TO OVERTHROW TANZANIAN GOVT. HE WAS PLEASED, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER WAS SETTLED QUIETLY AND HE HOPED IT WAS FINISHED.

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2. PL-480 - EASUM

WAS WELL AWARE OF TANZANIA'S NEED FOR FOOD, AND WE WERE GIVING GOT'S REQUEST FOR PL-480 ASSISTANCE OUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. THERE WERE CERTAIN PROBLEMS RE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD, WORLDWIDE NEEDS, ETC. WHICH STILL HAD TO BE WORKED OUT, BUT WE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO CONVEY OUR DECISION TO GOT SOON.

3. MALECELA STRESSED THAT MOST CRITICAL PERIOD FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE WAS BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL. ANY ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED. FOOD

RECEIVED LATER WOULD NOT BE OF MUCH USE; THUS ANYTHING THAT EASUM COULD DO TO SPEED UP FAVORABLE DECISION FOLLOWED BY PROMPT DELIVERIES OF FOOD WOULD BE HELPFUL. EASUM NOTED THAT THIS WAS BAD YEAR FOR US CORN CROP, BUT HOPEFULLY WE WOULD BE ABLE PROVIDE SOME WHEAT.

4. NELLO TEER - NOTING THAT ARBITRATION PROCESS MIGHT BE COSTLY TO GOT, MALECELA INQUIRED WHETHER, IF TANZANIA WERE REQUIRED TO PAY SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL SUM FOR ROAD, USG COULD PROVIDE GRANT IN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT FOR PROJECT IN, FOR EXAMPLE, AGRICULTURAL FIELD. HE HOPED THAT TANZANIA, WHICH WAS ONE OF POOREST COUNTRIES IN WORLD AND WHICH ALWAYS USED ITS RESOURCES FOR BENEFIT OF TANZANIAN PEOPLE, WOULD NOT HAVE TO BEAR BURDEN OF ANY ADVERSE ARBITRATION JUDGMENT. EASUM SAID IT WAS PERHAPS PREMATURE TO CONSIDER SUCH POSSIBILITY SINCE RESULTS OF ARBITRATION NOT KNOWN; BUT HE WOULD CONVEY MALECELA'S INQUIRY TO AID.

5. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE - NOTING IMPORTANCE OF UJAMAA VILLAGES IN GOT SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS, MALECELA INQUIRED WHETHER US MIGHT PROVIDE FERTILIZER, SMALL ELECTRIC GENERATORS AND/OR CLINICS FOR VILLAGE PROGRAM. EASUM SAID HE WOULD ASK AID TO STUDY THIS REQUEST.

6. MALECELA SAID HE HAD READ NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WHILE IN JAMAICA RECENTLY THAT US HAD DEVELOPED MOBILE FRUIT-CANNING PLANT COSTING ONLY DOLS 80,000. THIS COULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO TANZANIA. EASUM PROMISED TO TRY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PLANT AND GET BACK TO TANZANIANS.
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7. MULTILATERAL ISSUES - EASUM SAID HE RECOGNIZED CONFLICTING POSITIONS ON NUMBER OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES AND SAW NO BENEFIT IN ENUMERATING THEM DURING THIS "GET ACQUAINTED" COURTESY VISIT. MALECELA AGREED THAT BASIC POSITIONS OF TWO COUNTRIES DIFFERED ON CAMBODIA, VIETNAM, "INDO CHINA GENERALLY" AND KOREA. HE HOPED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD AND RESPECTED TANZANIA'S POSITION AS TANZANIA DOES OURS.

8. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES - USG WELCOMED PRESENT MOVES IN DECOLONIZATION OF PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES AND HOPED PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION IN AFRICA WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL ENTIRE CONTINENT FREE. HE APPLAUDED ROLE TANZANIA HAD PLAYED, PARTICULARLY RE STRUGGLE IN MOZAMBIQUE. ALSO COMMENDED UNDERSTANDING AND ACTIONS OF NEW PORTUGUESE GOVT.

9. WHILE NOT WANTING TO DWELL ON HISTORY, MALECELA SAID

HE HAD LONG BEEN CRITICAL OF US INVOLVEMENT WITH PORTUGAL ON COLONIAL ISSUES. PORTUGAL'S ABILITY TO WAGE WAR IN AFRICA HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED BY ITS MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, OF WHICH US MOST POWERFUL MEMBER. PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS TRAINED BY NATO AND WEAPONS OBTAINED THROUGH NATO. ALTHOUGH OBJECTIVE WAS NOT TO USE AGAINST AFRICA, THIS INEVITABLY WAS RESULT. IN ANY CASE THIS NOW HISTORY, AND MALECELA HOPED USG WOULD LEARN LESSON FROM HISTORY.

10. US POLICY IN AFRICA - ACCORDING MALECELA, PRINCIPAL US MISTAKE RE AFRICAN POLICY IN EYES AFRICAN NATIONS WAS TAKING ACTIVE PART AGAINST THEM. AFRICANS REALIZED USG COULD NOT SUPPORT THEM AGAINST PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA, BUT THEY EXPECTED USG TO REMAIN NEUTRAL. INSTEAD USG WENT TO OTHER EXTREME AND VOTED WITH PORTUGAL AND SA ON UN RESOLUTIONS. THIS MADE AFRICANS VERY DISENCHANTED WITH US POLICY IN AFRICA.

11. DECOLONIALIZATION PROCESS NOW REACHING FINAL STAGES, WITH ONLY RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SA REMAINING. QUESTION IS WILL USG LEARN FROM HISTORY AND CORRECT PAST MISTAKES. AFRICAN COUNTRIES HOPE SO. WE KNOW IT IS IMPOSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR US TO CHANGE COURSE ALL OF A SUDDEN AND BE ON AFRICAN SIDE, BUT PROBLEM IS BASICALLY ONE BETWEEN AFRICA AND RHODESIA AND BETWEEN AFRICA AND SA AND WE HOPE THAT US WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL.

12. SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA - MALECELA NOTED THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES MAY MOVE TO TRY TO ISOLATE SA IN UN. UNLESS SA IS ISOLATED, IT WILL NEVER CHANGE. IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT FOR US OR ANY COUNTRY TO ARGUE ON CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS IN SA'S FAVOR. IF THIS DONE, AFRICANS COULD NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SA AND US. RE RHODESIA, TANZANIA EXPECTS US TO STOP IMPORTING CHROME. SUCH ACTION WOULD BE DEMORALIZING TO RHODESIA AND HAVE TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL IMPACT ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES. IN SHORT, WHAT WE ARE ASKING IS THAT US SHOULD REMAIN NEUTRAL AND NOT SIDE WITH RHO-

DESIA OR SA. WE DON'T WANT TO SAY, FOLLOWING END OF COLONIALISM IN AFRICA, THAT US WAS ON OTHER SIDE UP TO THE END.

13. EASUM SAID THAT US HAD POSITIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN AFRICA. WE SUPPORT FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR AFRICA AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE CLEAR OUR OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND SA'S ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. THIS IS NOT NEUTRALITY; THIS IS POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR CHANGE. WE HAVE AN ABSOLUTE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SA; DO NOT PROVIDE SAME EXIM BANK ASSISTANCE THERE AS ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA; BRING SAFRICAN BLACKS, COLOREDS AND WHITE LIBERALS TO US UNDER OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM; AND ENCOURAGE US FIRMS IN SA TO WORK FOR BETTER CONDITIONS FOR BLACK EMPLOYEES. THE FORD ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES BYRD AMENDMENT AND PRESIDENT IS WORKING FOR ITS APPEAL. REASON FOR DELAY ON HOUSE VOTE ON REPEAL IS THAT THOSE SUPPORTING REPEAL FEEL THEY WILL HAVE BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS AFTER ELECTIONS. EASUM SAID US VOTES IN UN ARE RESULT OF OUR OPPOSITION TO UN'S BEING USED IN WAY TO OBSTRUCT ORGANIZATION'S TRUE PURPOSE OR SET UNFORTUNATE CONSTITUTIONAL PRECEDENTS. EVEN THOUGH WE MAY ABHOR ITS POLICIES, WE BELIEVE SAG HAS RIGHT TO SPEAK IN UNGA.

14. ON BASIS MALECELA'S REMARKS EASUM WONDERED WHETHER AFRICANS FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT US IS CONTRIBUTING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID IN SA. IN REPLY MALECELA SAID HE WISHED TO SAY FRANKLY THAT US POLICIES WERE NOT UNDERSTOOD BY AFRICANS, THEREFORE THERE WAS NEED FOR CHANGE. HE HOPED USG WAS NOT SET IN WAYS BUT OPEN TO CHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, RE SA CREDENTIALS, HE HOPED US WOULD NOT TAKE SIDE OF SA AND ACTIVELY LOBBY AGAINST AFRICAN POSITION. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE IN SA CONSTITUTION IS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CERTAIN RACES. HOW LONG CAN NATIONS PERMIT COUNTRY TO BELONG TO UN WHO HAS NO RESPECT FOR THAT ORGANIZATION OR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS? IF SAG IS UNWILLING TO IMPLEMENT UN'S DECISIONS, LET IT SIT OUT FOR A WHILE.

15. EASUM SAID US WELL AWARE OF SA'S REJECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ON OTHER HAND, IF SAG OSTRACIZED, WOULD IT IN LONG RUN IMPROVE ITS APPROACH TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES OR GET MORE STUBBORN AND REFUSE ANY DIALOGUE OR FORWARD MOVEMENT? US WELCOMED OTHER AFRICAN VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION.

16. MALECELA ASSERTED THAT MOVE TO ISOLATE SA IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS HAD SUCCEEDED. SAG HAS NOW ACCEPTED

MIXED TEAMS AND IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO GET BACK INTO SPORTS. INTERNALLY THERE ARE PEOPLE IN SA FIGHTING AGAINST ISOLATION. AFTER SA IS OUT OF UN FOR SOME TIME, THESE PEOPLE WILL PRESS VIGOROUSLY FOR SAG TO TAKE ACTIONS WHICH WILL PAVE WAY FOR ITS RETURN.

17. VISITS TO TANZANIA - AS MEETING DREW TO CLOSE, MALECELA SAID HE HOPED MORE US OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSMEN WOULD VISIT TANZANIA TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW POOR COUNTRY WAS AND HOW BADLY IT NEEDED FOOD ASSISTANCE. EASUM AGREED AND SAID WE WOULD TRY TO PROMOTE SUCH TRIPS. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO MAKE HIS FIRST VISIT TO

SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TANZANIA IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. MALECELA EXPRESSED HOPE IT WOULD BE FORMER PERIOD. HE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR EASUM TO MEET NYERERE, WHO WOULD BE LEAVING ON OCTOBER 28 FOR SEVERAL DAYS' VISIT TO SUDAN. INGERSOLL

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